

ECHO 2015 OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes 12-11-2014

Present: Co-Chairs Bob Staples and Doug Forsyth and members Ann Way, Debi Fidler, Mark Braley, and Heather Sebero. Also present were staff Linda Price and Lisa Krieg and Council Member Clint Williams.

Excused: Members Teresa Capps and Debra Krittenbrink

Absent: Member April Heiple

The meeting was called to order by Bob Staples at 4:00 p.m.

DISCUSSION OF THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD

With the implementation of the HEARTH Act, CoC's are required to have a formal structure including by-laws, governance documents as well as a board. Our COC established the board approximately two years ago. However, there were no guidelines or regulations made available until recently. With the new regulations, the board structure was expanded to remove some Conflict of Interest obstacles. One expansion was to appoint a representative from the ECHO Committee to serve on the CoC Board.

DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON APPOINTMENT OF AN ECHO REPRESENTATIVE TO THE CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD.

Ann Way volunteered to be the representative.

DISCUSSION OF ONE VISION ONE VOICE AND THE I COUNT 2014

The I Count event was held over four days in late October with training on the first day and the count the following three days beginning at 4:00 a.m. Eighty-six street homeless were assessed. An additional thirty who are known to Food & Shelter and the Salvation Army were not assessed and another ~~fifty~~ twenty refused assessment. Seventy-five volunteers were involved in the process that was very well organized. The assessment was to determine the most vulnerable so that the order in which they would be housed could be established. Those most vulnerable are being housed first, but the process is slow primarily because of case management issues.

Lisa Krieg provided additional information on the assessments and the cost to the Public and other entities for those not housed. It costs approximately \$12,000 to house and provide case management services for a chronically homeless person for a year. In comparison it costs \$17,500 per year for having someone in jail and \$18,000 per year for prison. Of the 86 assessed 71 had been in jail and 18 in prison. 171 visits to the emergency room had occurred in the last six months at an average cost of \$2,078/visit totaling \$711,000 annually, with an average collection of \$29/visit. 193 interactions with

police had occurred totaling about \$27,000 annually in costs; and 31 ambulance trips occurred at an annual cost of \$81,000. The comment was made that it is clearly cheaper to house a person for \$12,000 per year than to have the City and other agencies bearing the cost of the alternative. A copy of the Community Report is available at www.ovovnorman.org.

DISCUSSION ABOUT ZERO:2016

Zero 2016 is the follow-up program to the 100,000 Campaign. HUD has set the targets of December 31, 2016 for ending chronic homelessness, and the date of December 31, 2015 for ending veteran homeless. Oklahoma City, Tulsa and Norman applied and were selected to be part of a nation-wide coordinated effort by Community Solutions, Inc. to end chronic and veteran homelessness by these dates.

DISCUSSION ABOUT POINT-IN-TIME COUNT 2015

The point-in-time count is scheduled for overnight of January 29, 2015. That is the date that has been established for the entire state of Oklahoma. This year the Point in Time Count is required to be both a sheltered and unsheltered count. The data collected in January will also be used to validate the I Count data that was collected in October.

MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next quarterly meeting will be at 4:00 p.m. on the first Thursday in March 2015.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.